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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Pursuant to the Revised Format of Amendments, below is a listing of all claims in the identified application, along with an indication of their status.

Claims 1-37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (currently amended): A method of improving patient compliance with a therapeutic or nutritional regimen, which comprises:

administering to an animal a non-effervescent flavored suspension formed by placing into a liquid a solid dispersible tastemasked tablet comprising a flavoring agent and a plurality of particles being coated with an extended release coating agent;

wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension after being orally administered to the animal releases the biologically active substance over a period of about 2 hours to about 48 hours.

Claim 39 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is formed in less than about 10 minutes after the solid dispersible tablet is placed in the liquid.

Claim 40 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-

effervescent flavored suspension is formed in less than about 5 minutes after the solid dispersible tablet is placed in the liquid.

Claim 41 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is formed in less than about 1 minute after the solid dispersible tablet is placed in the liquid.

Claim 42 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is formed in less than about 30 seconds after the solid dispersible tablet is placed in the liquid.

Claim 43 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is formed upon stirring, mixing or blending the liquid after the solid dispersible tablet is placed in said liquid.

Claim 44 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is formed without stirring, mixing or blending the liquid after the solid dispersible tablet is placed in said liquid.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein the solid dispersible tablet is a self-dispersing tablet.

Claim 46 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension after being orally administered to the animal releases the biologically active substance for a period of about 4 hours up to about 24 hours.

Claim 47 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension after being orally administered to the animal releases the biologically active substance for a period of about 12 hours up to about 24 hours.

Claim 48 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the solid dispersible tablet further contains a coloring agent, and wherein the suspension is a colored suspension.

Claim 49 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein said non-effervescent flavored suspension is administered as part of a multi-substance regimen.

Claim 50 (original): The method of claim 49, wherein the color of the suspension identifies the biologically active substance to improve patient compliance with the multi-substance regimen.

Claim 51 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein said non-effervescent flavored suspension is administered to improve patient compliance with taking the biologically active substance.

Claim 52 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is administered to improve convenience of administration of the biologically active substance.

Claim 53 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the solid dispersible tablet further contains a natural or artificial sweetening agent.

Claim 54 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the biologically active substance is selected from the group consisting of analgesics, anti-inflammatories, antihistamines, antitussives, expectorants, decongestants, narcotics, bronchodilators, cardiovasculars, central nervous system drugs, anti-hypertensive agents, osteoporotic agents, GERD agents, anti-neoplastic agents, anti-asthmatics, hormone replacement agents, anti-infectives, anti-diabetics, lipid lowering agents, thrombolytic agents, anticoagulant agents, fibrinolytic agents, nutritional agents, vitamins, minerals, metal salts, electrolytes, herbal agents and fatty acids.

Claim 55 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the

biologically active substance is an alkaline salt of potassium.

Claim 56 (original): The method of claim 55, wherein the alkaline salt of potassium is potassium chloride.

Claim 57 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the liquid is water.

Claim 58 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension has a pleasing taste when administered to the animal.

Claim 59 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is administered once a day.

Claim 60 (original): The method of claim 38, wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension is administered at least twice a day.

Claims 61 (withdrawn): The method of claim 38, wherein the animal is a human.

Claim 62 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein the human is an adult.

Claim 63 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein the human is an child.

Claim 64 (withdrawn): A method of preparing an extended release composition for oral administration to an animal, which comprises:

coating a plurality of particles of a biologically active substance with an extended release coating agent to form extended release particles;

blending the extended release particles, a flavoring agent and at least one excipient to form a compressible mixture; and

compressing the compressible mixture into solid dispersible tablets which form a non-effervescent flavored suspension when placed into a liquid.

Claim 65 (withdrawn): A method of preparing a potassium chloride composition for oral administration to an animal, which comprises:

coating a plurality of potassium chloride crystals with a coating agent to form extended release potassium chloride particles; and

blending the extended release potassium chloride particles with a flavoring agent and at least one excipient to form extended release potassium chloride particles which form a non-effervescent flavored suspension when placed into a liquid.

Claim 66 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein

the animal is a mammal.

Claim 67 (currently amended): A method of improving patient compliance with a therapeutic regimen, which comprises:

administering to an animal a non-effervescent flavored suspension formed by placing into a liquid a solid dispersible tastemasked tablet comprising a flavoring agent and a plurality of particles being coated with an extended release coating agent;

wherein the non-effervescent flavored suspension after being orally administered to the animal releases the biologically active substance over a period of about 2 hours to about 48 hours.

Claim 68 (previously presented): The method of claim 38, wherein the biologically active substance is a cardiovascular agent.